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LOK SABHA

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WLL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wireless Local Loop (WLL) telecommunication services have been made available in rural areas of the country specially in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether WLL services are inoperative in many rural areas of the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make WLL telecommunication services more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): The WLL services are working satisfactorily in rural areas of the country. However, due to poor availability of electric supply in rural areas the in-built battery of the subscriber terminals i.e. FWTs does not get charged properly causing interruption of services to the subscribers.

(e) Following steps are taken to make WLL services more effective:

i) Rural WLL systems have been put under AMC with equipment suppliers.
ii) It is being planned to use the enhanced battery back up in rural areas with charger having wider input voltage range, so as to minimize failure due to acute power supply fluctuation prevalent in rural areas of the country.
iii) More Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) are planned to enhance the coverage of WLL system.
iv) List of Do's and Don'ts has been issued to customers to increase their awareness on proper use of FWTs so as to minimize FWT related faults.

ANNEXURE

Status of Telephone on Wireless Local Loop (WLL) in rural areas as on 31.01.05

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	WLL connections (Rural)
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	1321
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	62727
3	ASSAM	24072
4	BIHAR	86483
5	JHARKHAND	36052
6	GUJARAT	39802
7	HARYANA	36595
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	11324
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	7744
10	KARNATAKA	42660
11	KERALA	102575
12	MADHYA PRADESH	35829
13	CHHATTISGARH	39554
14	MAHARASHTRA	104724
15	NORTH EAST - I	9437
16	NORTH EAST - II	12516
17	ORISSA	57526
18	PUNJAB	60160
19	RAJASTHAN	49574
20	TAMIL NADU	41118

21	UTTAR PRADESH(EAST)	79195
22	UTTAR PRADESH(WEST)	33898
23	UTTARANCHAL	20267
24	WEST BENGAL	50543
TOTAL		1045696